

**NURSING BOARD[655]**

**Adopted and Filed**

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code sections 17A.3 and 147.76, the Board of Nursing hereby amends Chapter 3, “Licensure to Practice—Registered Nurse/Licensed Practical Nurse,” Iowa Administrative Code.

This amendment adds an additional testing option to verify English skills of an individual educated and licensed in another country.

Notice of Intended Action was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on July 24, 2013, as **ARC 0876C**. The Board received no comments. This amendment is identical to that published under Notice of Intended Action.

This amendment was adopted by the Board on September 18, 2013.

After analysis and review of this rule making, no adverse impact on jobs has been found.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 147.36 and 152.7.

This amendment will become effective December 4, 2013.

The following amendment is adopted.

Amend subrule 3.4(4) as follows:

**3.4(4)** Application—individuals educated and licensed in another country.

*a.* The board shall:

(1) Provide information about licensure application to applicants and others upon request.

(2) Determine eligibility of each applicant upon receipt of:

1. to 7. No change.

8. Verification of ability to read, write, speak and understand the English language as determined by the results of the ~~Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the~~ International English Language Testing System (IELTS), Pearson Test of English Academic (PTE), or Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) for licensed practical nurse and registered nurse applicants. Applicants shall be exempt from the ~~TOEFL or IELTS, PTE or TOEFL~~ examination when the native language is English; nursing education was completed in a college, university or professional school located in Australia, Canada (except Quebec), Ireland, New Zealand or the United Kingdom; language of instruction in the nursing program was English; and language of the textbooks in the nursing program was English.

*b.* The applicant shall:

(1) to (6) No change.

(7) Complete ~~TOEFL or IELTS, PTE or TOEFL~~ requirements for licensed practical nurse and registered nurse applicants.

(8) to (11) No change.

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